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Honorable Edward A. McDermott  
Director, Office of Emergency Planning  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. McDermott:

In reply to your letter of October 15, 1962, there is attached the Emergency Line of Succession for the Central Intelligence Agency. In accordance with your suggestion, the list has been expanded to twelve, with five of the officials located outside of Washington.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter

Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy Director

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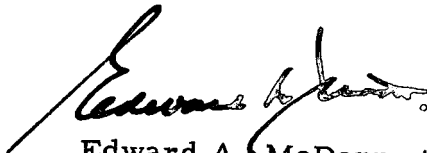
Honorable John A. McCone  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to you of October 15,  
requesting that you take action to strengthen the line  
of succession to the leadership of your agency.

I would appreciate it if you would inform me as soon  
as possible of the specific measures you are taking to  
improve your situation.

Sincerely,



Edward A. McDermott

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OCT 15 1962

Honorable John A. McCone  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

In accordance with requirements placed on the Office of Emergency Planning by a National Security Action Memorandum, I have the assignment of stimulating the completion of adequate lines of succession to departmental officials.

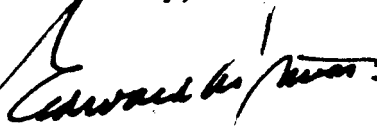
Differences among departments and agencies prevent the establishment of common succession standards. For example, some have regional structures with over-all departmental responsibilities while others have none.

According to our records, recently verified and updated, the emergency line of succession to you consists of nine officials all located in Washington, D. C. This does not provide enough assurance of survivability of successors and continuity of operations in the event of nuclear attack.

Our review of your current plans suggests that your successors in Washington be increased to twelve. It is further recommended that you explore the feasibility of designating at least five officials outside Washington as successors.

I would appreciate being advised as to the action you propose to take to improve succession in your agency.

Sincerely,



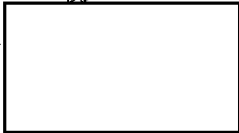
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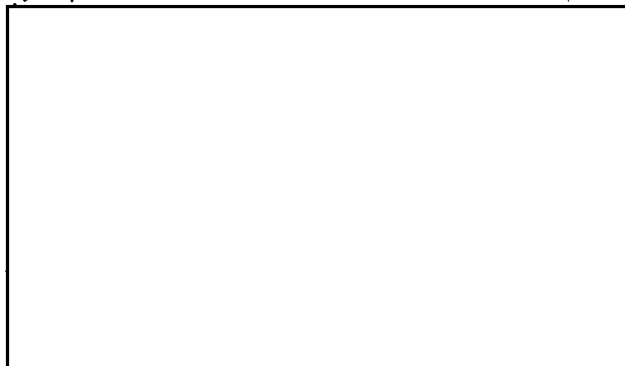
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